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#### **INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

# **BILL TOPIC:** "Modifications To Incompetent To Proceed" **DEADLINES:** File by: 10/6/2021

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED TO SHIFT
102 TOWARD RELIANCE ON COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES.

### **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov/">http://leg.colorado.gov/</a>.)

Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. The bill requires the court to reconsider a defendant's type of bond and conditions of release whenever the court orders an evaluation on an in-custody or inpatient basis. The bill allows the court to lower or remove any monetary condition of bond to allow the

defendant to post bond and receive necessary mental health services on an outpatient and out-of-custody basis if the defendant's mental health needs cannot be adequately met on an inpatient or in-custody basis. The bill requires the court to enter any appropriate orders to ensure a defendant's right to post bond is not jeopardized by a revocation of bond or mental health stay pending a competency evaluation or restoration services. If a defendant posts bond while awaiting an inpatient or in-custody evaluation or restoration services, the court shall convert the order to an order for an outpatient and out-of-custody evaluation or treatment.

The bill clarifies that the court may order outpatient restoration services if the court disagrees with the recommendation for inpatient restoration services and finds that community-based services would be more clinically appropriate.

If the court orders inpatient restoration services despite the recommendation for outpatient restoration services, the court shall make a finding as to why the discharge plan for community-based restoration services is inadequate to meet the defendant's needs and what other interim mental health services need to be provided to make the defendant appropriate for community-based restoration services.

The bill requires the court to set a bond hearing within 7 days after a defendant is found incompetent to proceed when a defendant is in custody and statutorily eligible for bond, rather than only if the defendant is in custody on a misdemeanor, petty offense, or traffic offense. If the defendant is eligible for bond; is being held on charges other than a misdemeanor, petty offense, or traffic offense; and does not meet the criteria for involuntary mental health treatment, there is a presumption that the defendant be released on a nonmonetary bond.

The bill authorizes the court to direct the department of human services (department) to evaluate a defendant for certification if the basis of the court's order for inpatient restoration services is based on the defendant's danger to the defendant's self or others or being gravely disabled.

The bill requires the court to conduct a bond hearing and consider any improvements in the defendant's mental health during inpatient restoration services if the defendant is found competent to proceed and is statutorily eligible for bond but has remained unable to post a monetary condition of bond.

If a defendant is eligible for bond but has been unable to post a monetary condition of bond, the court shall hold a bond hearing within 7 days after finding that the defendant has been restored to competency to reconsider the type of bond and the conditions of release.

Current law prohibits the confinement of a defendant committed to the custody of the department or otherwise confined as a result of a determination of incompetency to proceed for a period in excess of the maximum term of confinement that could be imposed for only the single most serious offense with which the defendant is charged, less 30% for a misdemeanor and less 50% for a felony. The bill prohibits the confinement or requirement to engage in outpatient restoration services in excess of these time periods for any defendant who is found incompetent to proceed.

The bill authorizes the court to dismiss a defendant's case at any time and direct the department to evaluate the defendant for civil certification.

The bill authorizes the court to stay the defendant's dismissal for 21 days to identify whether the defendant meets the requirements for certification or provision of services. The court shall order a defendant committed to the office of behavioral health in the department if the court finds the requirements for certification have been established by clear and convincing evidence.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-105, amend (1)(a); and repeal (1)(d) as follows:

16-8.5-105. Evaluations, locations, time frames, and report.

(1) (a) (I) The court shall order that the competency evaluation be conducted on an outpatient basis or, if the defendant is unable REMAINS IN CUSTODY DUE TO AN INABILITY to post the A monetary condition of bond or is ineligible to be released on bond, at the place where the defendant is in-custody, except as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section. If the department conducts the evaluation on an in-custody basis, the department's receipt of a court order directing the evaluation. After July 1, 2020, if the evaluation is conducted on an in-custody basis, the department shall complete the evaluation no later than twenty-one days after receipt of the order and the collateral materials. On and after July 1, 2020, if the evaluation is conducted on an out-of-custody basis, the department shall complete the evaluation within forty-two days after

receipt of the order and collateral materials, unless the court extends the time upon a showing of good cause.

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- (II) At the time any evaluation is ordered, the court shall order that the collateral materials be transmitted to the department within twenty-four hours after the order by the appropriate party with a certificate of service of the materials provided to the court and other necessary parties by the party ordered to transmit the collateral materials.
- WHEN THE COURT ORDERS AN EVALUATION ON AN (III)IN-CUSTODY OR INPATIENT BASIS, the court shall determine RECONSIDER the type of bond and the conditions of release after consideration of the presumptions and factors enumerated in article 4 of this title 16, which include consideration of the information received from any pretrial services program pursuant to the provisions of section 16-4-106 and any information provided by the court liaison hired pursuant to part 2 of article 11.9 of this title 16. As a condition of any bond, the court shall require the defendant's cooperation with the competency evaluation on an outpatient and out-of-custody basis. In setting the bond, the court shall not consider the need for the defendant to receive an evaluation pursuant to this article 8.5 as a factor in determining any monetary condition of bond. However, in determining any monetary condition of bond THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER WHETHER THE DEFENDANT'S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CAN BE ADEQUATELY MET ON AN INPATIENT OR IN-CUSTODY BASIS AND, IF NOT, THE COURT MAY LOWER OR REMOVE ANY MONETARY CONDITION OF BOND TO ALLOW THE DEFENDANT TO POST BOND AND RECEIVE RESTORATION SERVICES AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AN OUTPATIENT AND OUT-OF-CUSTODY BASIS.

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1	(IV) IF THE COURT ORDERS AN INPATIENT OR IN-CUSTODY
2	COMPETENCY EVALUATION DUE TO THE DEFENDANT'S INABILITY TO POST
3	A MONETARY CONDITION OF BOND, THE COURT SHALL ENTER ANY
4	APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO POST
5	BOND IS NOT JEOPARDIZED BY A REVOCATION OF BOND OR MENTAL
6	HEALTH STAY PENDING A COMPETENCY EVALUATION. IF THE DEFENDANT
7	POSTS BOND WHILE AWAITING AN INPATIENT OR IN-CUSTODY EVALUATION,
8	THE COURT SHALL CONVERT THE ORDER TO AN ORDER FOR A COMPETENCY
9	EVALUATION ON AN OUTPATIENT AND OUT-OF-CUSTODY BASIS.

(IV) (V) Nothing in this subsection (1)(a) limits the availability of a court-ordered evaluation for a person with a mental health disorder pursuant to section 27-65-106 or invokes the emergency procedure set forth in section 27-65-105.

(d) If a defendant is in the department's custody for purposes of the competency evaluation ordered pursuant to this article 8.5 and the defendant has completed the competency evaluation and the evaluator has concluded that the defendant is competent to proceed, the department may return the defendant to a county jail or to the community, as determined by the defendant's bond status. If the evaluator has concluded that the defendant is incompetent to proceed and that inpatient restoration services are not clinically appropriate, and outpatient restoration services are available to the defendant in the community, the department shall notify the court and the court liaison, and the department shall develop a discharge plan and a plan for community-based restoration services in coordination with the community restoration services provider. The court shall hold a hearing within seven days after receiving the notice, at which the department shall provide to the court the plan for community-based

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restoration services, and the court may enter any appropriate orders regarding the custody of the defendant and his or her bond status. The department shall advise the defendant of the date and time of the court hearing. If the department is returning the defendant to a county jail, the county sheriff in the jurisdiction where the defendant must return shall take custody of the defendant within seventy-two hours after receiving notification from the department that the defendant's evaluation is completed. At the time the department notifies the sheriff, the department shall also notify the court and the court liaison that the department is returning the defendant to the custody of the jail.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-111, **amend** (1), (2)(a.5), (2)(b), (2)(c), and (2)(f)(II) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(c) as follows:

**16-8.5-111. Procedure after determination of competency or incompetency.** (1) If the final determination made pursuant to section 16-8.5-103 is that the defendant is competent to proceed, the judge shall order that the suspended proceeding continue or, if a mistrial has been declared, shall reset the case for trial at the earliest possible date. If a defendant is in the department's custody for purposes of the competency evaluation ordered pursuant to this article 8.5 and the defendant has completed the competency evaluation and the evaluator has concluded that the defendant is competent to proceed, the department may return the defendant to a county jail or to the community, as determined by the defendant's bond status. If the defendant is placed in the department's custody pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (1)(b), the court shall enter any appropriate orders to ensure that the defendant's right to post

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BOND IS NOT JEOPARDIZED BY A REVOCATION OF BOND OR MENTAL

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- (2) If the final determination made pursuant to section 16-8.5-103 is that the defendant is incompetent to proceed, the court has the following options:
  - (a.5) If the evaluator has provided an opinion that the defendant is incompetent to proceed and there is not a substantial probability that the defendant, with restoration services, will attain competency within the reasonably foreseeable future pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (5)(e)(I)(B), (5)(e)(I)(C), or (5)(e)(I)(D), in lieu of ordering restoration treatment the court shall set a hearing within thirty-five days of receiving the report on the issue of whether there is a substantial probability that the defendant will be restored to competency within the reasonably foreseeable future and, in the case of a finding pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (5)(e)(I)(D), maintain competency through the adjudication of the case. At the hearing, there is a presumption that the defendant will not attain competency within the reasonably foreseeable future. A party attempting to overcome that presumption must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a substantial probability that restoration efforts will be successful within the reasonably foreseeable future. At the conclusion of the hearing when there is an opinion pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (5)(e)(I)(D), if the court finds that there is not a substantial probability that the defendant will be restored to competency within the reasonably foreseeable future and maintain competency throughout the case, the court shall dismiss the case and may consider ordering the initiation of proceedings pursuant to section 16-8.5-116 (6)(b) or (6)(c). If the court determines that there is insufficient evidence to make an immediate finding of no substantial

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probability of restoration to competency within the reasonably foreseeable future, then the court shall order restoration education for an initial period of time not to exceed ninety-one days as provided for in this section and review of the case pursuant to section 16-8.5-116 (3) and (4). At the initial and subsequent review hearings, if the evaluator continues to opine that the defendant is incompetent to proceed and still unlikely to be restored, the court shall presume that there is not a substantial probability that the defendant will be restored to competency within the reasonably foreseeable future and maintain competency through the adjudication of the case, and the court shall dismiss the case unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the person has made progress toward attaining competency and can maintain competency through the adjudication of the case. If the case is ordered dismissed, the department will have the same obligations pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (5)(e)(I).

(b) (I) If the defendant is on bond or summons, the court shall order that restoration to competency take place on an outpatient basis, unless the department recommends inpatient restoration services pursuant to section 16-8.5-105 (5)(e)(II). However, the court may order outpatient restoration services if the court disagrees with the recommendation for inpatient restoration services and finds that community-based restoration services would be more clinically appropriate.

(II) (A) If the defendant is in-custody and the recommendation is for outpatient restoration services, the court shall consider the release of the defendant on bond consistent with article 4 of this title 16 and the Colorado rules of criminal procedure. If the Evaluator has Concluded that the defendant is incompetent to proceed and

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1	THAT INPATIENT RESTORATION SERVICES ARE NOT CLINICALLY
2	APPROPRIATE, AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION SERVICES ARE
3	AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENDANT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE
4	COURT AND THE COURT LIAISON, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP
5	A DISCHARGE PLAN AND A PLAN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION
6	SERVICES IN COORDINATION WITH THE COMMUNITY RESTORATION
7	SERVICES PROVIDER. THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING WITHIN SEVEN
8	DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT, AT WHICH TIME THE DEPARTMENT
9	SHALL PROVIDE THE COURT WITH THE PLAN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
10	RESTORATION SERVICES AND THE COURT MAY ENTER ANY APPROPRIATE
11	ORDERS REGARDING THE CUSTODY OF THE DEFENDANT AND THE
12	DEFENDANT'S BOND STATUS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADVISE THE
13	DEFENDANT OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THE COURT HEARING. IF THE
14	DEPARTMENT IS RETURNING THE DEFENDANT TO A COUNTY JAIL, THE
15	COUNTY SHERIFF IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE DEFENDANT MUST
16	RETURN SHALL TAKE CUSTODY OF THE DEFENDANT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO
17	HOURS AFTER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE
18	DEFENDANT'S EVALUATION IS COMPLETE. AT THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT
19	NOTIFIES THE SHERIFF, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE COURT
20	AND THE COURT LIAISON THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS RETURNING THE
21	DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF THE JAIL.
22	(B) If the court orders inpatient restoration services

(B) If the court orders inpatient restoration services despite the recommendation for outpatient restoration services, the court shall make a finding as to why the discharge plan for community-based restoration services described in subsection (2)(b)(II)(A) of this section is inadequate to meet the defendant's needs and what other interim mental health services need to be

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1	PROVIDED TO MAKE THE DEFENDANT APPROPRIATE FOR
2	COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION SERVICES. UNLESS THE DEFENDANT IS
3	STATUTORILY INELIGIBLE FOR BOND PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-4-102, THE
4	COURT SHALL ENTER ANY APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE
5	DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO POST BOND IS NOT JEOPARDIZED BY A REVOCATION
6	OF BOND OR MENTAL HEALTH STAY PENDING RESTORATION SERVICES. IF
7	THE DEFENDANT POSTS BOND WHILE AWAITING INPATIENT OR IN-CUSTODY
8	RESTORATION SERVICES, THE COURT SHALL CONVERT THE ORDER TO AN
9	ORDER FOR RESTORATION SERVICES ON AN OUTPATIENT AND
10	OUT-OF-CUSTODY BASIS.

(B) (C) As a condition of bond, the court shall order that the restoration take place on an outpatient basis. Pursuant to section 27-60-105, the department through the office of behavioral health is the entity responsible for the oversight of restoration education and coordination of all competency restoration services. As a condition of release for outpatient restoration services, the court may require pretrial services, if available, to work with the department and the restoration services provider under contract with the department to assist in securing appropriate support and care management services, which may include housing resources. The individual agency responsible for providing outpatient restoration services for the defendant shall notify the court or other designated agency within twenty-one days if restoration services have not commenced.

(C) (D) When the defendant is in custody, on a misdemeanor, petty offense, or traffic offense, the court, within seven days of AFTER the defendant being is found incompetent to proceed, shall set a hearing on bond. At the bond hearing IF THE DEFENDANT IS BEING HELD ON A

- 1 MISDEMEANOR, PETTY OFFENSE, OR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, there is a 2 presumption AT THE BOND HEARING that the court shall order a personal 3 recognizance bond. If the court does not order a personal recognizance 4 bond for a defendant being held on a misdemeanor, petty offense, 5 OR TRAFFIC OFFENSE and the defendant is committed for inpatient 6 restoration, the court must make findings of fact that extraordinary 7 circumstances exist to overcome the presumption of a release and the 8 clinical recommendation for outpatient treatment by clear and convincing 9 evidence. If the defendant is eligible for bond; is being held on 10 CHARGES OTHER THAN A MISDEMEANOR, PETTY OFFENSE, OR TRAFFIC 11 OFFENSE; AND DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR INVOLUNTARY MENTAL 12 HEALTH TREATMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27, THERE IS A 13 PRESUMPTION THAT THE DEFENDANT BE RELEASED ON A NONMONETARY 14 BOND. AT THE BOND HEARING, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE 15 PRESUMPTIONS AND FACTORS ENUMERATED IN SECTIONS 16-4-102 (1); 16 16-4-103(1), (4)(A), AND (5); AND 16-8.5-114(1.5) AND THE COURT MUST 17 MAKE FINDINGS OF FACT THAT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST TO 18 OVERCOME THE PRESUMPTION OF A RELEASE AND THE CLINICAL 19 RECOMMENDATION FOR OUTPATIENT TREATMENT BY CLEAR AND 20 CONVINCING EVIDENCE. 21
  - (E) IF THE BASIS OF THE COURT'S ORDER FOR INPATIENT RESTORATION SERVICES IS BASED ON THE DEFENDANT'S DANGER TO SELF OR OTHERS OR BEING GRAVELY DISABLED, THE COURT MAY DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT, OR ANY APPROVED FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO EVALUATE THE DEFENDANT FOR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106.

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(c) If, AFTER RECONSIDERING BOND AT A HEARING DESCRIBED IN

1	SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, the court finds that the defendant
2	is not eligible for release from custody or not able to post the monetary
3	condition of bond that the defendant remains in custody due to an
4	INABILITY TO POST A MONETARY CONDITION OF BOND, the court may
5	commit the defendant to the custody of the department, in which case the
6	executive director has the same powers with respect to commitment as the
7	executive director has following a commitment pursuant to section
8	16-8-105.5 (4). Unless the defendant is statutorily ineligible for
9	BOND PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-4-102, THE COURT SHALL ENTER ANY
10	APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO POST
11	BOND IS NOT JEOPARDIZED BY A REVOCATION OF BOND OR MENTAL
12	HEALTH STAY PENDING INPATIENT RESTORATION SERVICES. At such time
13	as the department recommends to the court that the defendant is restored
14	to competency, the defendant may be returned to custody of the county
15	jail or to previous bond status.

(f) (II) If the defendant is not offered admission and transported to the inpatient restoration services program within the time frames provided or in accordance with other court orders, the court may SHALL:

(3) (c) If the defendant is found competent to proceed and is statutorily eligible for bond but has remained unable to post a monetary condition of bond, the court shall conduct a bond hearing pursuant to subsection (2)(b)(II)(D) of this section and shall consider any improvements in the defendant's mental health during inpatient restoration services, including any medications taken on a voluntary or involuntary basis. If the department is returning the defendant to a county jail, the county sheriff in the jurisdiction where the defendant must

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1	RETURN SHALL TAKE CUSTODY OF THE DEFENDANT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO
2	HOURS AFTER RECEIVING NOTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE
3	DEFENDANT IS FOUND COMPETENT TO PROCEED. AT THE TIME THE
4	DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES THE SHERIFF, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO
5	NOTIFY THE COURT AND THE COURT LIAISON THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS
6	RETURNING THE DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF THE JAIL SO THAT THE
7	COURT MAY ORDER A HEARING TO REVIEW BOND PURSUANT TO
8	SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II)(D) OF THIS SECTION.
9	<b>SECTION 3.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-114, <b>add</b> (1.5)
10	as follows:
11	16-8.5-114. Procedure after hearing concerning restoration to
12	competency. (1.5) If a defendant is found to be restored to
13	COMPETENCY AFTER THE HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION
14	16-8.5-113and the defendant is eligible for bond but is unable to
15	POST A MONETARY CONDITION OF BOND, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A BOND
16	HEARING WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER FINDING THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS
17	BEEN RESTORED TO COMPETENCY TO RECONSIDER THE TYPE OF BOND AND
18	THE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE
19	PRESUMPTIONS AND FACTORS ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 16,
20	WHICH INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
21	ANY PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
22	SECTION 16-4-106, ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COURT LIAISON
23	HIRED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 11.9 OF THIS TITLE 16, AND ANY
24	INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE COMPETENCY EVALUATION REPORT.
25	IN SETTING BOND, THE COURT SHALL NOT CONSIDER THE NEED FOR THE
26	DEFENDANT TO RECEIVE RESTORATION TREATMENT PURSUANT TO THIS
27	ARTICLE 8.5 AS A FACTOR IN DETERMINING ANY MONETARY CONDITION OF

1	BOND. HOWEVER, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE
2	DEFENDANT'S MENTAL HEALTH SINCE THE LAST BOND REVIEW, WHETHER
3	THE DEFENDANT'S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CAN BE ADEQUATELY MET ON
4	AN INPATIENT OR IN-CUSTODY BASIS AND, IF NOT, THE COURT MAY LOWER
5	OR REMOVE ANY MONETARY CONDITION OF BOND TO ALLOW THE
6	DEFENDANT TO POST BOND AND RECEIVE APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH
7	SERVICES ON AN OUTPATIENT AND OUT-OF-CUSTODY BASIS.
8	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-116, amend
9	(2)(a), (6) introductory portion, and (10); amend as it will become
10	<b>effective March 1, 2022,</b> (1); <b>repeal</b> (6)(b); and <b>add</b> (4.5) as follows:
11	16-8.5-116. Certification - reviews - termination of
12	<b>proceedings - rules.</b> (1) Subject to the time periods and legal standards
13	set forth in this section, whichever is shortest, a defendant committed to
14	the custody of the department or otherwise confined as a result of a
15	determination of incompetency to proceed WHO IS FOUND INCOMPETENT
16	TO PROCEED must not remain confined OR REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN
17	OUTPATIENT COMPETENCY RESTORATION SERVICES for a period in excess
18	of the maximum term of confinement that could be imposed for only the
19	single most serious offense with which the defendant is charged, less
20	thirty percent for a misdemeanor offense and less fifty percent for a
21	felony offense. At the end of such time period, the court shall dismiss the
22	charges, and certification proceedings or provision of services, if any, are
23	governed by article 65 or 10.5 of title 27.
24	(2) (a) Within ninety-one days after the entry of the court's order
25	of commitment Determination that the defendant is incompetent
26	TO PROCEED, the court shall review the case of a defendant who has been
27	determined to be incompetent to proceed with regard to the probability

that the defendant will eventually be restored to competency and with regard to the justification for certification or confinement. The review may be held in conjunction with a restoration hearing held pursuant to section 16-8.5-113. However, if at the review hearing there is a request by the defendant for a restoration hearing pursuant to section 16-8.5-113, the court shall set the restoration hearing within thirty-five days after the request pursuant to the provisions of section 16-8.5-113.

- (4.5) Notwithstanding subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the court may dismiss the defendant's case at any time and direct the department, or any other facility designated by the executive director of the department, to evaluate the defendant for certification pursuant to section 27-65-106. For purposes of this subsection (4.5), the evaluator's report must include the information described in section 27-65-106 (5).
- (6) Notwithstanding the time periods provided in subsections (7), (8), and (9) of this section and to ensure compliance with relevant constitutional principles, for any offense for which the defendant remains confined as a result of a determination of incompetency to proceed IS FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED if the court determines, based on available evidence, that there is not a substantial probability that the defendant will be restored to competency within the reasonably foreseeable future, the court may order the defendant's release from commitment pursuant to this article 8.5 through one or more of the following means:
- (b) The court may, in coordination with the county attorney or district attorney required to conduct proceedings pursuant to section 27-65-111 (6) for the county in which the defendant is charged, order the

commencement of certification proceedings pursuant to the provisions of article 65 of title 27 if the defendant meets the requirements for certification pursuant to article 65 of title 27;

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(10) (a) Prior to the dismissal of charges pursuant to subsection (1), (4.5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section, the court shall MAY STAY THE DISMISSAL FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS TO identify whether the defendant meets the requirements for certification pursuant to article 65 of title 27 or for the provision of services pursuant to article 10.5 of title 27 or whether the defendant will agree to a voluntary commitment BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT, OR ANY OTHER FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO EVALUATE THE DEFENDANT FOR EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-105 (6) OR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106. THE EVALUATION MAY TAKE PLACE WHERE THE DEFENDANT IS BEING HELD OR IN A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE EVALUATION MUST BE PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LONGER THAN TWENTY-ONE DAYS AFTER THE EVALUATION IS ORDERED AND MUST IDENTIFY WHETHER THE DEFENDANT HAS A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER AND, AS A RESULT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER, IS AN IMMINENT DANGER TO THE DEFENDANT'S SELF OR OTHERS OR IS GRAVELY DISABLED.

(b) If, AFTER HEARING ALL RELEVANT EVIDENCE, INCLUDING THE EVALUATION AND REPORT, the court finds the requirements for certification or provision of services are met, or the defendant does not agree to a voluntary commitment, the court may stay the dismissal for twenty-one days and notify the department and county attorney or district attorney required to conduct proceedings pursuant to section 27-65-111

1	(6) in the relevant jurisdiction of the pending dismissal so as to provide
2	the department and the county attorney or district attorney with the
3	opportunity to pursue certification proceedings or the provision of
4	necessary services HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING
5	EVIDENCE, THE COURT SHALL MAKE AN ORDER OF COMMITMENT TO THE
6	OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICE HAS THE
7	RIGHT TO DELEGATE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE DEFENDANT TO AN
8	APPROPRIATE APPROVED TREATMENT FACILITY ON AN OUTPATIENT OR
9	INPATIENT BASIS.
10	SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
11	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
13	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
14	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
15	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the

official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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